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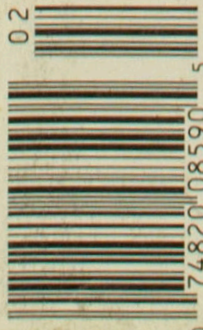
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

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LETTERS *to the* EDITORS

Dear Nick Mag,
Every time my best friend
spends the night, I try to
make it special. But it
always turns out like a
regular sleepover. What
should I do to make it
more exciting?

Beth H., age 9
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Beth,
You've come to the *night*
place—our nighttime issue.

Dear Nick Mag,
Why do you list the names

of the staff in a different way every issue?

Lawrence S., age 10
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Lawrence,
Our magazine's list of names, called the masthead, lets readers know who works here. To make it more interesting, we come up with a masthead to match each issue's theme. This time, the picture is of a night sky, and our names have to do with nighttime.

— the *Beditors*

Dear Nick Mag,
What shampoo does Zelda
use?

*Kristen M. and Kara M.
Michigan*

Dear Kristen and Kara,
Zelda uses Nice 'n *Fleasy*.
Do you think she has *groom*
fur improvement?

Dear Nick Mag,
Do your ears pop when
you go to your office on
the 41st floor?

Terra C., age 11
Yorkville, Illinois

Dear Terra,
Yes, our ears *do* pop a lot, so
it's nice to get back on
Terra firma.

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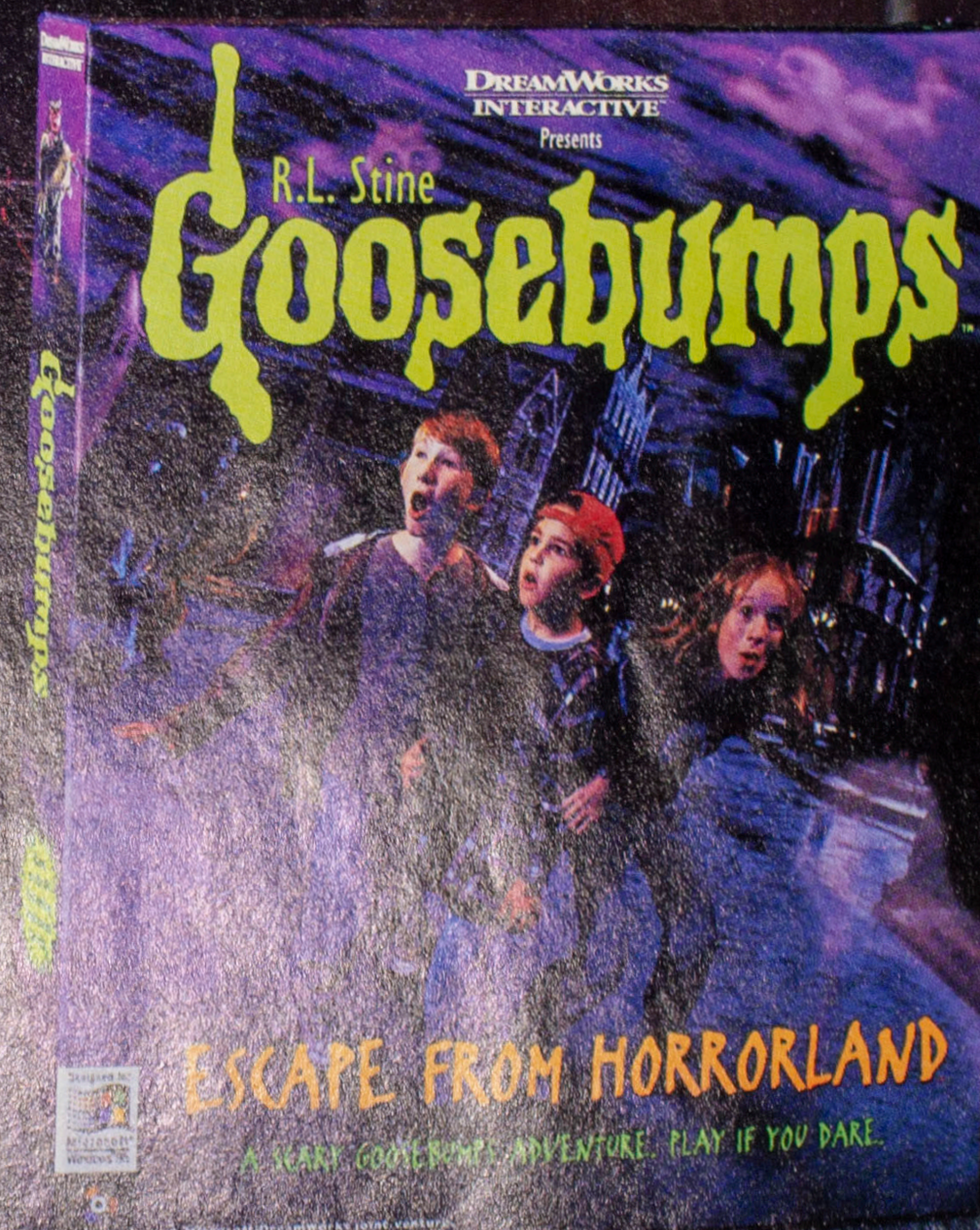
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Whatever We Want



A WAKE-UP CALL

Dial-A-Mattress is a company that sells beds over the telephone and delivers them within a day. Dial-A-Mattress's Cara Halstead laid it all out for us.

Nickelodeon Magazine: How many mattresses does Dial-A-Mattress sell a day?
Cara Halstead: About 2,500.

NM: What's your most expensive mattress?
CH: The most expensive is \$1,799. It has the most features, the most padding, the most springs, the most everything.

NM: Do you remember any strange orders?
CH: One woman ordered two top-of-the-line twin beds for her cats. She spent hundreds of dollars.

NM: Do you tear the tags off your mattresses?
CH: It's illegal for us, the retailer, to do so. But after it's in your home, you're free to do whatever you want. You aren't going to get in trouble if you cut the tag off.

NM: What's the strangest thing that's happened on a delivery?
CH: One customer called us to say that a driver had kidnapped her cat. Her cat had been hiding in her old box spring, which the driver had taken away. He found the cat and returned it.

NM: Do you ever get sleepy on the job?
CH: Yes I do. We have a showroom, and it's very tempting.

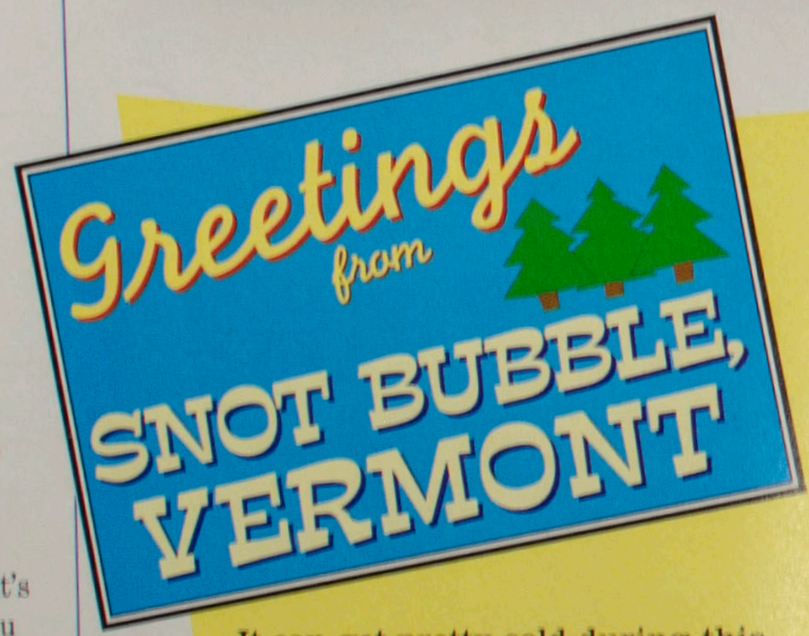
NM: What is the best kind of bed to jump on?
CH: Just about all of them are innerspring mattresses, so they're all pretty good for jumping. But we wouldn't recommend it, for the life of your mattress!



Sand and Deliver

The sandman is an imaginary character who is said to make kids tired by sprinkling sand in their eyes. If the sandman approaches you, and you're not quite ready for bed, here are some things you can say to delay him:

- Leave the sand at the door; I'll sweep it up in the morning.
- Wipe that silly grain off your face!
- Go back to your little sand castle and sprinkle sand there.
- If push comes to shove! and I can't get to sleep, I'll call you.
- If you don't leave this minute, I'll have you arrested for creaking and entering.
- What are you *dune* awake at this hour?
- Why don't you come back to me at the end of your *sift*?

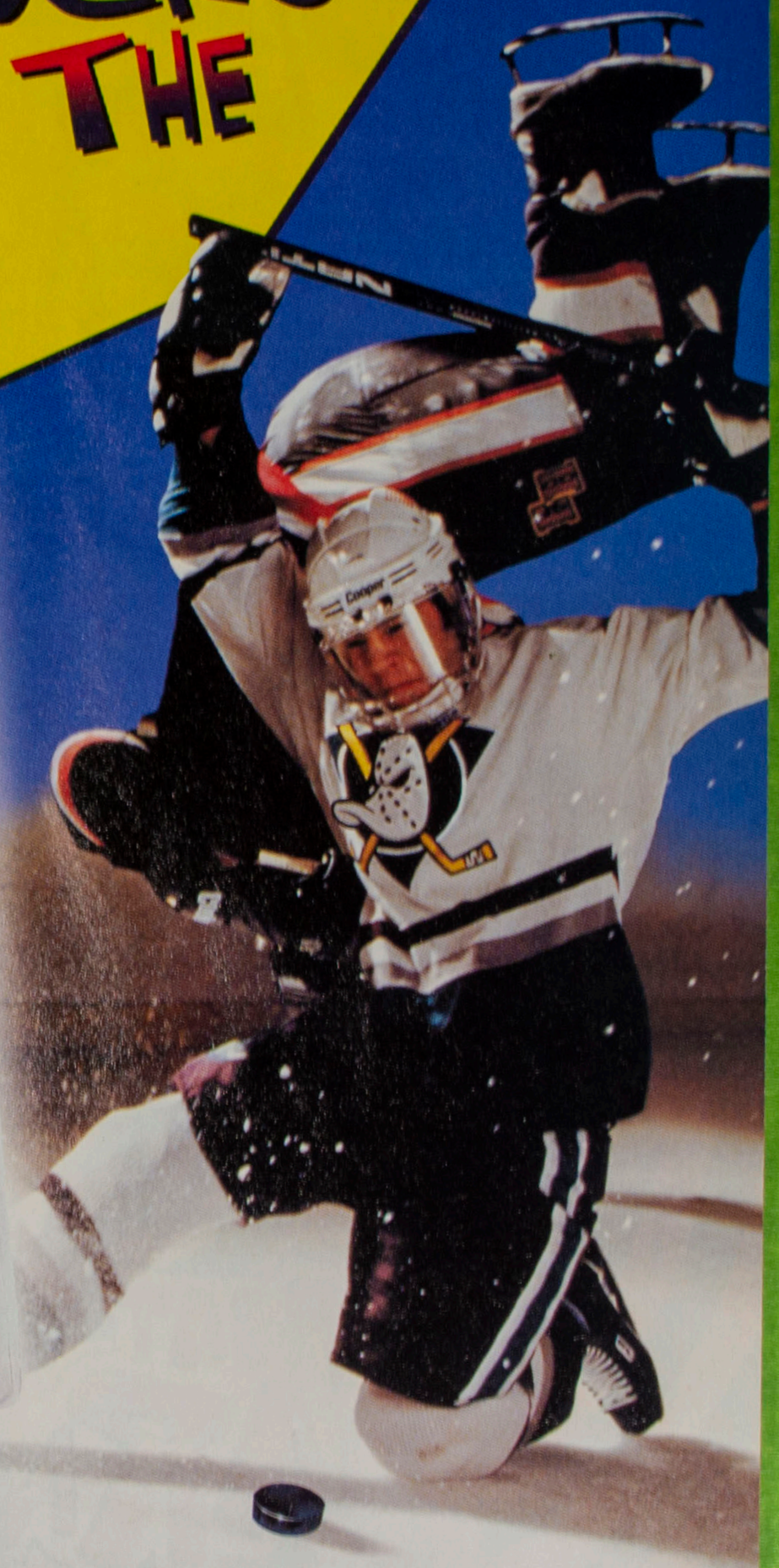


It can get pretty cold during this time of the year. And some places have names to remind you of that. Put a check next to the four fake names below. Answers on page 53.

- ☐ Frostproof, Florida
- ☒ Mybuttes Frozen, North Dakota
- ☐ Winters, Texas
- ☐ Chillum, Maryland
- ☒ Lost Mitten, New Mexico
- ☐ Cold Spring Harbor, New York
- ☒ Sneffels Mountain, Colorado
- ☒ Snot Bubble, Vermont
- ☐ Icy Bay, Alaska
- ☐ Wind Chill Factor, Minnesota

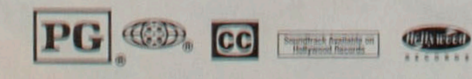


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Annoying Lullabies

by Anne D. Bernstein

THE GLASS OF WATER SONG

sing to the tune of
"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Hear me coming down the hall
With my little nightly call.
Can I have another glass?
Water, please, I simply ask.
Now I make my pitter-patter,
Back to bed with a full bladder.

sing two hours later:

Hear me creeping to the john
With my fuzzy slippers on.
It's so dark and I can't see,
And I really have to pee.
Hit the light and shut the door,
And I'll bother you no more.

FAKING SLEEP

sing to the first two verses
of "Lullaby and Goodnight"
("Brahms' Lullaby")

Faking sleep, faking sleep,
We don't make a peep.
Keep our eyelids shut so tight
As our parents kill the light.

We will look like we dream,
But it's all just a scheme.
We lie still, they retreat—
Eyes pop open,
We're on our feet.

ROCK-A-BYE, BUNKMATE

sing to the tune of
"Rock-a-Bye, Baby"

kid on bottom bunk sings:

Rock-a-bye, bunkmate,
On the top bed.
When you come down,
Don't step on my head.
I do not want
To smell your toes.
Remember this well,
Or we shall be foes.

Rock-a-bye, bunkmate,
You are above,
You make some sounds
That I do not love.
Do you forget
That I am so close?
Please try to refrain
From being so gross.

kid on top bunk sings:

Rock-a-bye, bunkmate,
You sleep below.
Don't kick my bunk,
Or you'll be my foe.
If you kick hard
I'll get really mad,
And I will go running
To Mom and to Dad.

Rock-a-bye, bunkmate,
Down under me.
You're eating cookies
That I cannot see.
I hear you crunching,
Swallowing, too.
I'll snatch again
Unless you toss up a few.



I've been known
to toss my cookies.

Continued



KEEP IT DOWN, DAD*

sing to the tune of "Rock, Little Baby"

Keep it down, Dad, we can hear you snore,
And we're sure so can the folks next door.
We are so sorry to complain,
But you're really driving us all insane.
From your loud groans we cannot hide,
Have you considered sleeping on your side?
Your two lungs have such great force
That we can't imagine what sounds much worse.
If you do not stop that rumble,
From the shelves all our books will tumble.
And if the ceiling starts to crack,
We'll have to jump up and rush to pack.
And if your bellows shake the floor,
Then we'll make a run for the nearest door.
But even if our house falls down,
You'll still be the greatest dad in our town.

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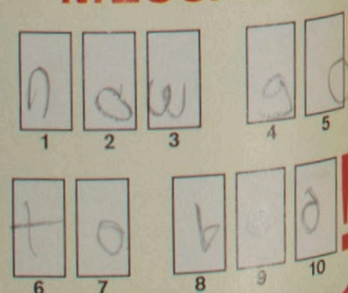
IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT

Using the hints on the left, fill in the lines on the right with a book, movie, or TV show title that has the word dark, night, or sleep in it. Each line represents one letter. When completed, the boxed letters will spell out a nighttime message. Answers on page 53.

Choose from: **THE TONIGHT SHOW** **BAYWATCH NIGHTS** **SLEEPING BEAUTY** **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE**
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- 1) Insomnia in the Pacific Northwest Sleepless in Seattle
- 2) S-s-s-scary S-S-SNICK s-s-show Are you afraid of the dark
- 3) SPF by day, P.I. by night Baywatch Nights
- 4) Where to find a late snack In the night kitchen
- 5) Frank Gifford kicks off his week ABC Monday Night Football
- 6) It's not the Today show, it's... The Tonight Show
- 7) See you later, craters Good Night Moon
- 8) Instead of an alarm clock, try a handsome prince Sleeping Beauty
- 9) It's not light overhead Dark Skies
- 10) "Live, from New York, it's..." Saturday Night Live

MESSAGE:



The Difference Between Night and Day

When you go to sleep, what kind of fun are you missing out on? Compare the day-time house on this page to the same house at night on the next page. Are you awake enough to find all the differences?



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KEEP IT DOWN, DAD*

sing to the tune of "Hush, Little Baby"

Keep it down, Dad, we can hear you snore,
And we're sure so can the folks next door.
We are so sorry to complain,
But you're really driving us all insane.
From your loud groans we cannot hide.
Have you considered sleeping on your side?
Your two lungs have such great force
That we can't imagine what sounds much worse.
If you do not stop that rumble,
From the shelves all our books will tumble.
And if the ceiling starts to crack,
We'll have to jump up and rush to pack.
And if your bellows shake the floor,
Then we'll make a run for the nearest door.
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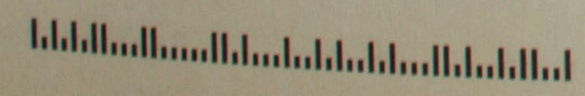
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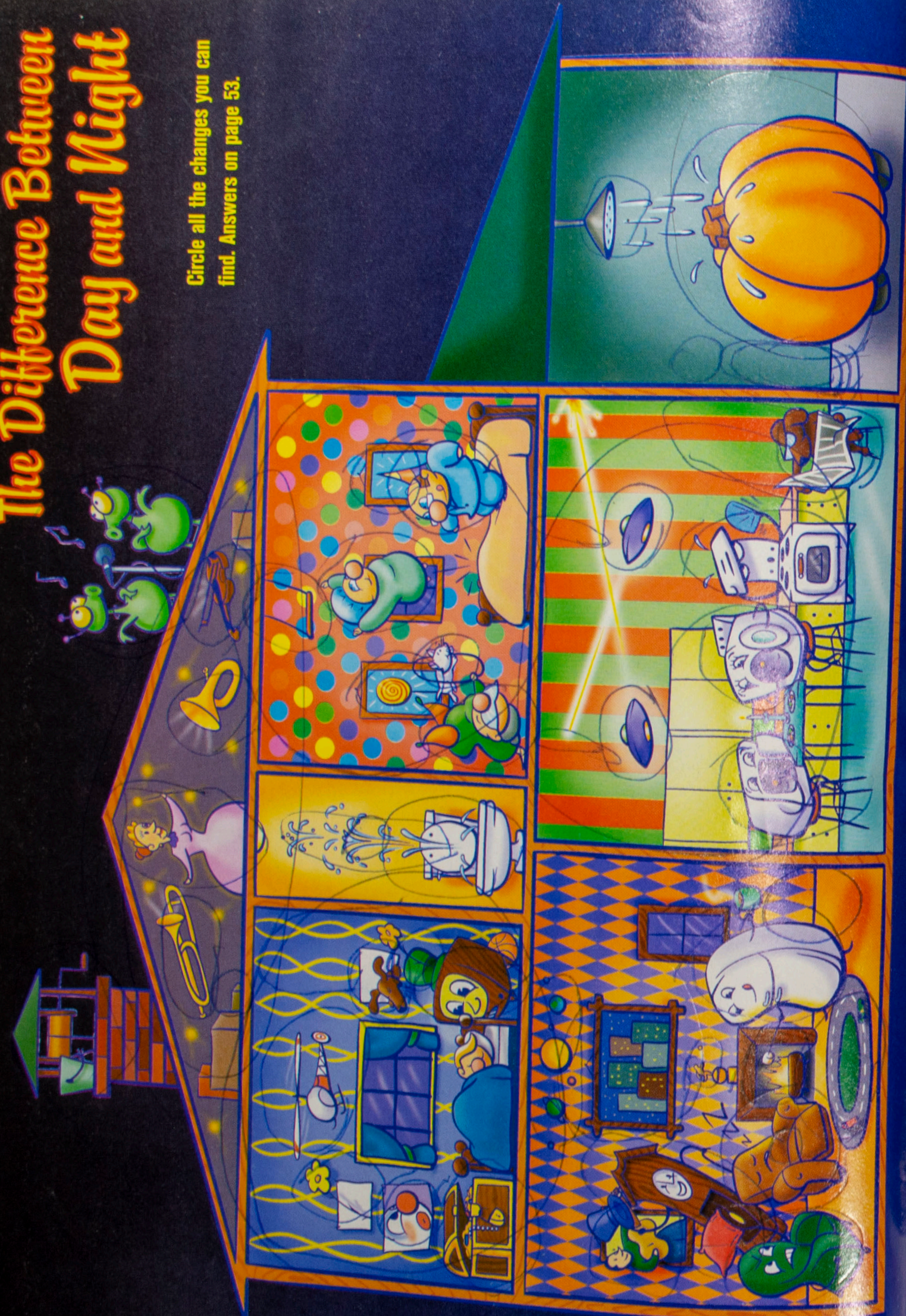
The Difference Between Night and Day

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The Difference Between Day and Night

Circle all the changes you can find. Answers on page 53.



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SLIMY SLEEPING BAGS

by Carmen Morais

You may complain about having to make your bed after you wake up, but some animals have to make their beds before they fall asleep.

Drifting Off to Sleep

Sea otter families float on their backs in the water in a group when they fall asleep. Before nodding off, the group twists around in one clump of seaweed, which keeps them from drifting apart during the night.



Look for the fork in the tree.

Don't Let the Bedbugs Bite

Although chimpanzees spend the day together in close groups, at night they always sleep alone in trees. Each chimp finds a fork in a tree and then weaves a nest out of small branches. Sometimes, a chimp will also make a pillow out of leafy twigs. Chimps usually build themselves new beds every night, to avoid catching fleas or bugs.



Leave It to Beavers

Beavers sleep inside a lodge on the bank of a river. The lodge is made of sticks sealed together with mud. It has a tunnel that leads into the water, which the beavers use to enter and exit. Pregnant beavers sometimes make a bed out of sticks, because their wet fur dries faster on wood than on leaves.



Are They Guano Build a Tent?

When Panamanian tent-making bats get drowsy, they bite holes into a palm-tree leaf, bending it into an A-shape. As many as 20 bats will hang upside down from the holes in that leaf and sleep the day away, staying dry during rainstorms or shaded from bright sunlight.



Put a Lid on It!

Even after a long day of hunting, a tired cobra has no problem keeping its eyes open—because it doesn't have any eyelids. At bedtime, it slithers into a burrow or under some rocks, coils up, and gets some wide-eyed shut-eye.



Can I Burrow a Pillow?

Grizzly bears spend the winter hibernating inside snug dens, which are tunneled as much as 27 feet underground. Some bears move almost a ton of dirt, twigs, and leaves when digging their hideouts, and they often use the same one each winter. The bears make nine-inch-thick mattresses from grass, leaves, moss, pine needles, and branches. When it's not hibernation season, a grizzly may clear away a hollow in the ground, pad it with pine branches, and climb in for a nap.

Feather Beds

Bobwhite quails always sleep in a tight circle with their tails pointing in and their heads facing out. This way, if an enemy approaches, the birds won't crash into one another in the rush to escape danger.



Jell-O Jammies

As night falls over the Atlantic Ocean, the parrot fish gets ready for bed. Mucus oozes out of its skin and forms a bubble around its body. A small hole in the back and a flap in the front let water in and out, so the fish can still breathe. Then it heads for an underwater cave, where the slimy pajamas protect the fish from parasites. In the morning, the fish wriggles out of the goo and swims back to its favorite coral reef.





What Mattress Most

A Short-Sheeted History of Beds



Quite a Spread

Wealthy Europeans spent a lot of money on their beds—and they liked to show them off. In the 1600s, it was customary for hosts to lie in bed when people came to visit during the day. The fancy beds were decorated with gold, silver, silk, expensive wood, and large, elaborate canopies (*above*). Louis XIV's bed in the palace at Versailles, France, was draped with curtains that were woven from gold thread (*right*). And there were gold springs in the royal bed in the Bavarian castle at Neuschwanstein, in Germany.



Don't Chuckle About the Truckle

The truckle bed was a large bed that stored a lower bed beneath it (*left*). Truckles (also called trundles) were used by English royalty in the 15th century. For example, the queen would sleep on the top bed, and her servant would rest on the lower bed, which rolled out. This arrangement let the queen have someone to wait on her if she woke up in the middle of the night.



Mummy's in Bed

One of the first folding beds (*above*) was found in the tomb of King Tutankhamen. Dating from around 1350 BC, it was made of wood and woven reeds and had copper hinges. When folded, it could be carried by one person.



Sleeper by the Dozen

The Great Bed of Ware (*right*) was built in the mid-1500s. The bed was said to have been built for the British royal family, though an innkeeper may have spread this rumor in hopes of increasing his business. One night 12 people slept in it together at an inn. This one bed is about the size of six twin beds.



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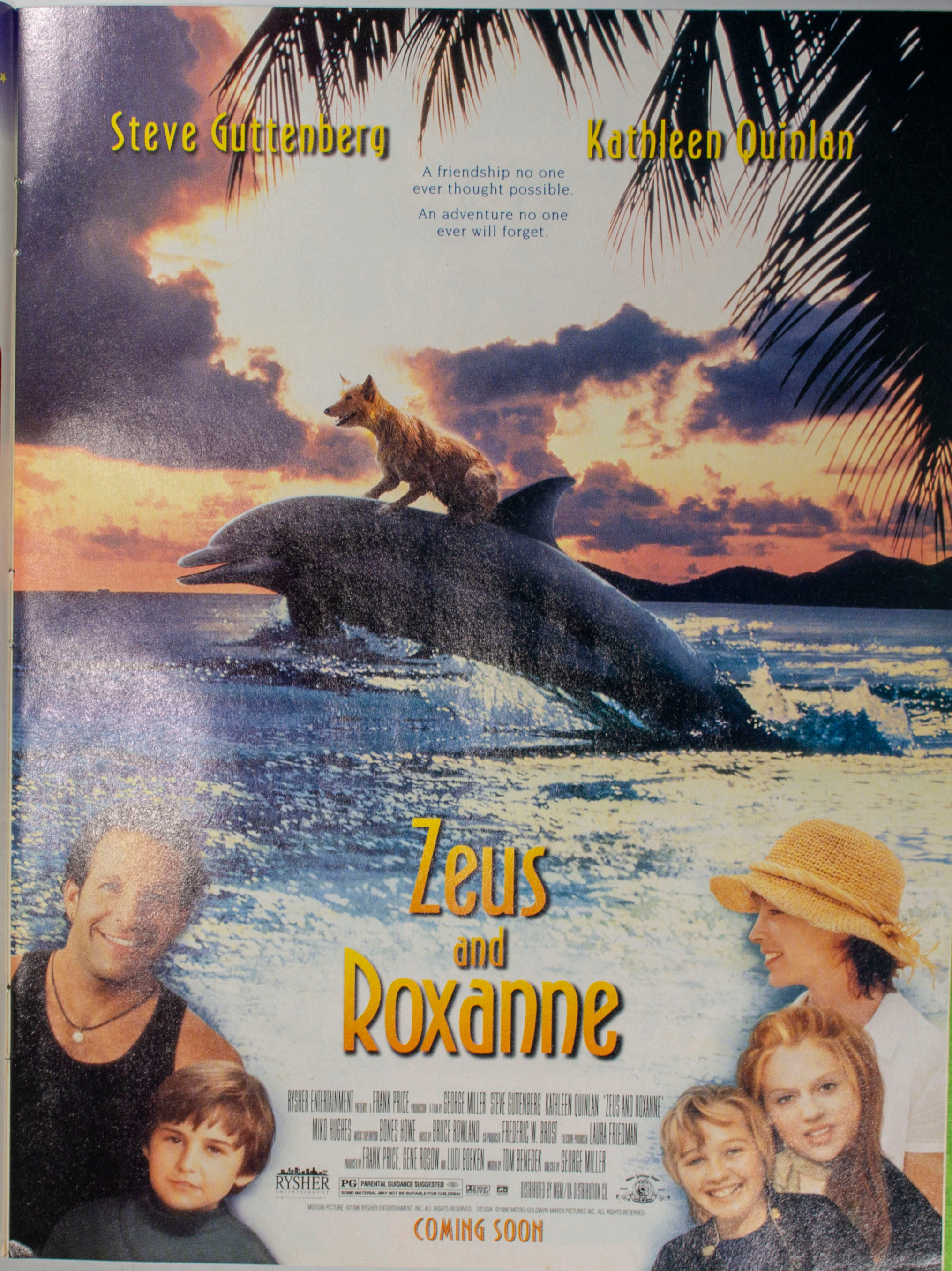
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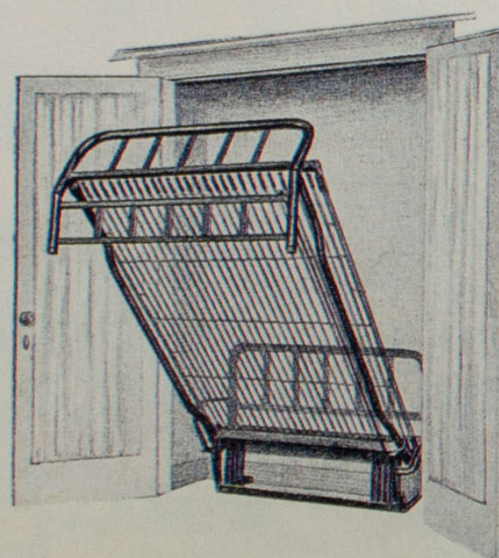


Bed, Bath, and Behind

During the 19th century, American furniture makers built portable, multi-purpose wardrobe beds that would save space (left). The mattress itself was often hidden by doors, and the cabinet-like piece also had storage for clothes and bathroom supplies (such as a washbasin and chamber pot).

That's Wall There Is to It

The first man to mass-produce hidden beds was William L. Murphy. In 1900, he was so fed up with his cramped one-room San Francisco apartment that he designed a bed that folded up against the wall to give him more elbow room (right). Every year during the 1920s and 1930s, more than 100,000 "Murphy Beds," as they came to be known, were sold.



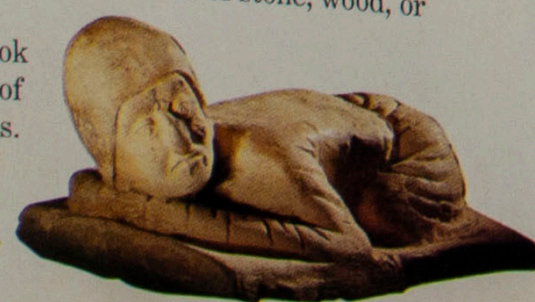
Wherever You Hang Your Head

Instead of pillows, ancient Egyptians used T-shaped headrests made of metal, stone, or wood. (The one above is from the tomb of King Tutankhamen.) Although a number of these headrests have been found in the tombs of pharaohs and priests, historians are not exactly sure why they were used.

Some people in ancient China looked down on soft pillows. They believed soft pillows weakened a person both mentally and physically. For centuries, pillows in China have been made of stone, wood, or ceramic (right). One Chinese philosopher believed using a book pillow—a stack of three scrolls of text—would improve his dreams.



Please don't use me for a pillow.

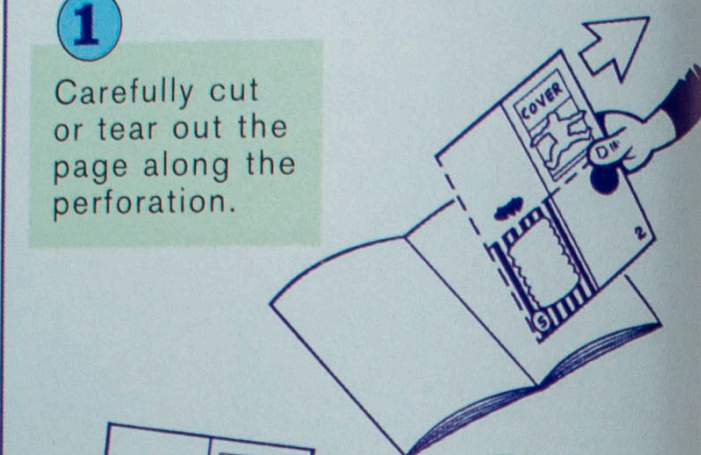


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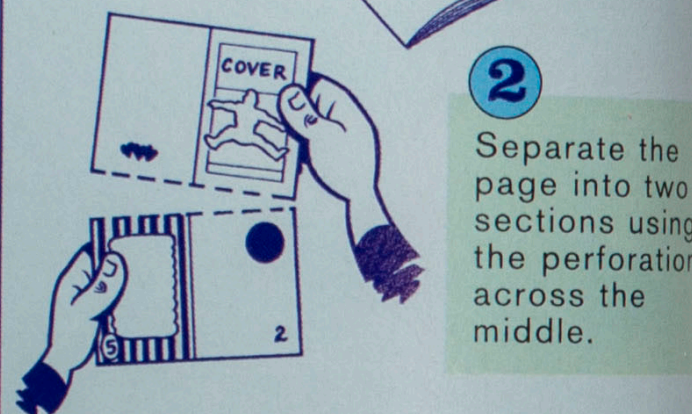
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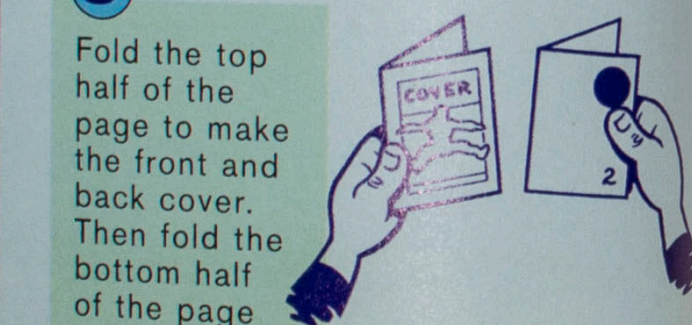
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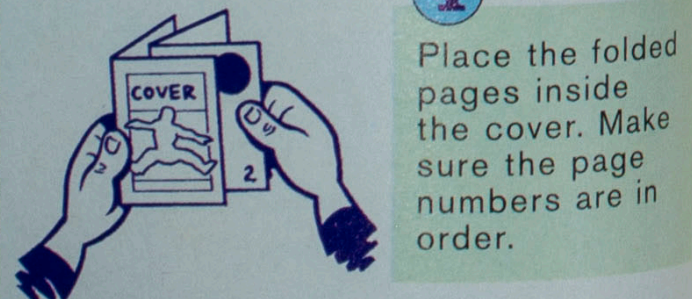
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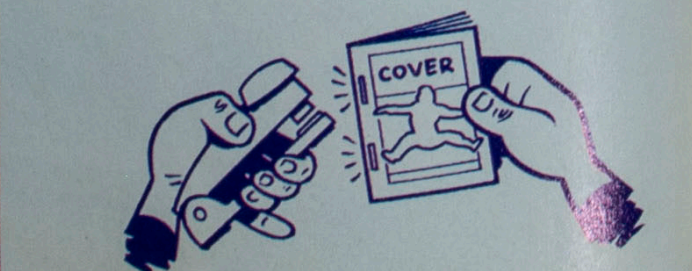
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The Late, Late Show

You spend a quarter of your life dreaming. But what are dreams all about? by Linell Hanover

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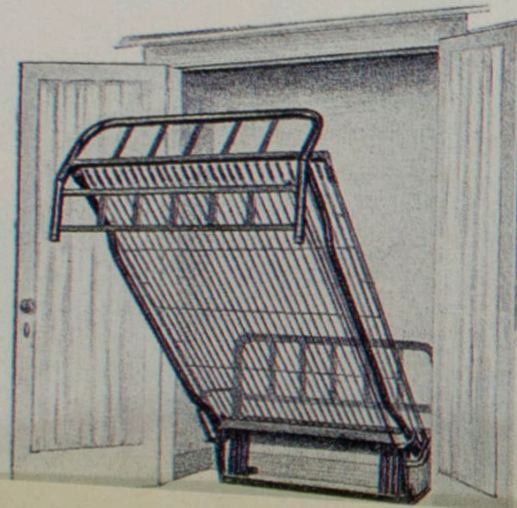


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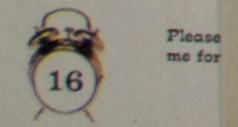
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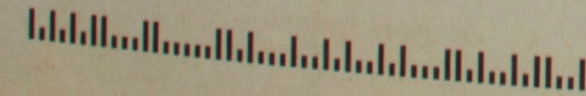
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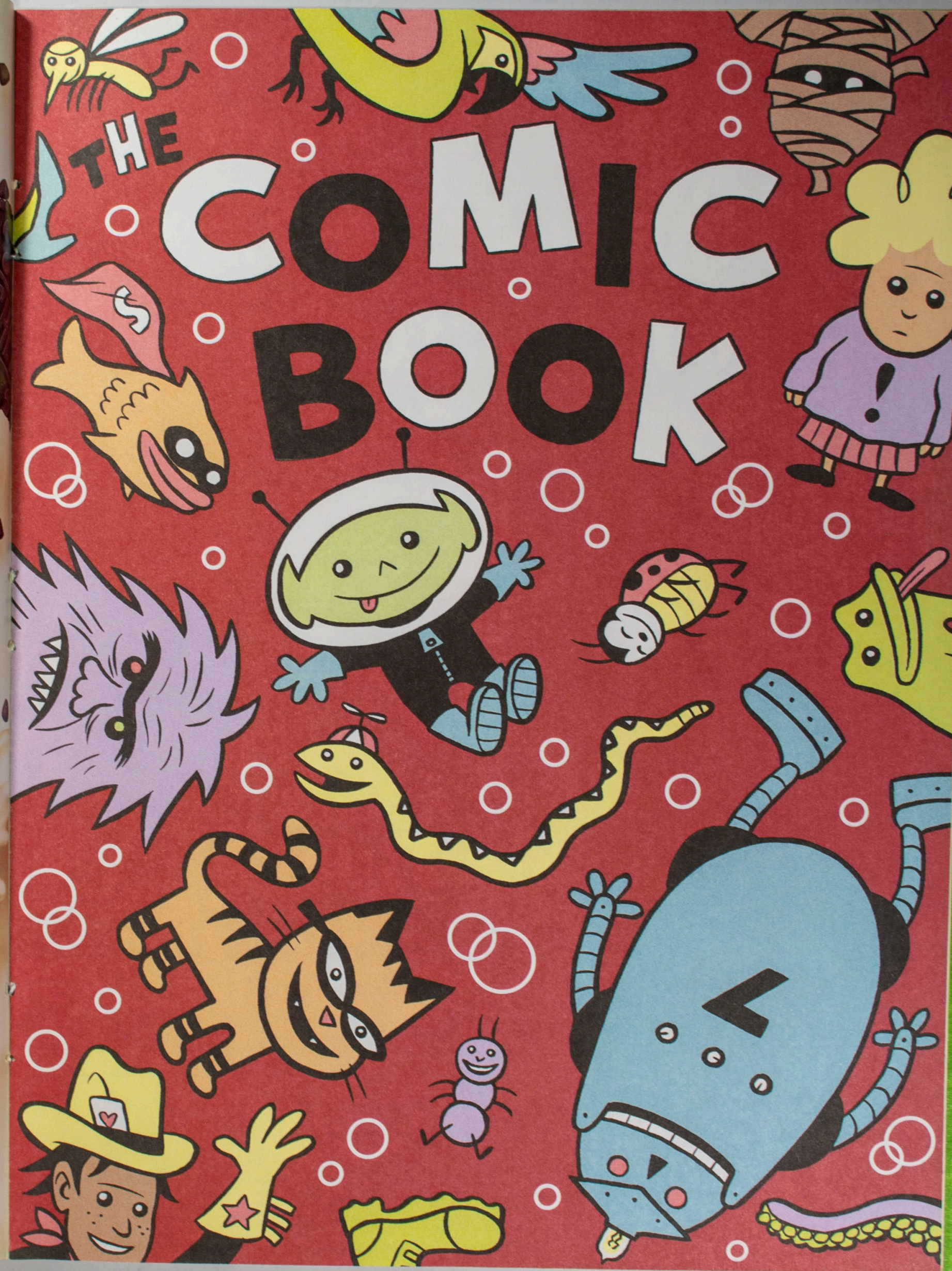
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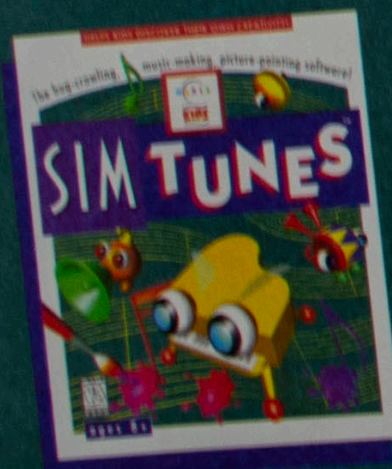
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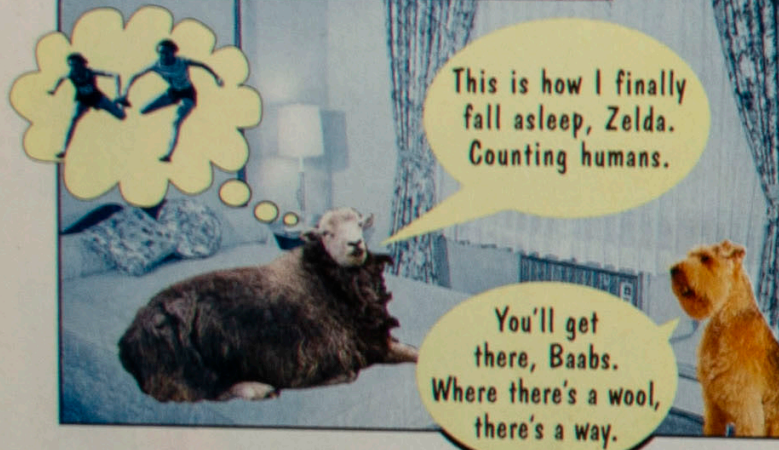
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Featuring Zelda Van Gutters, Nickelodeon Magazine's Roving Reporter

I recently researched the nightstyles of the rich, famous, and sleepy.
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I spoke with Baabaa Streisand, who's been suffering from insomnia all her life.



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The President told me his recurring dream: working at a fast food restaurant.



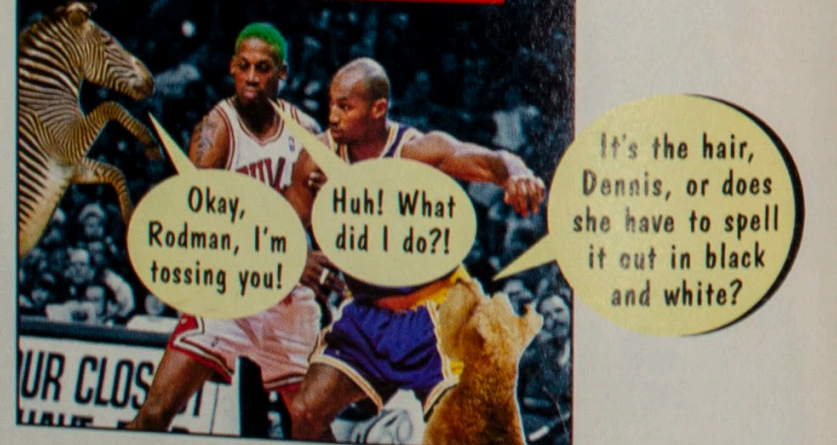
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"Baywatch" star David Hasselhoff told me he dreams of turning the Pacific Ocean into a parking lot.



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Zebra, like Meryl Stripe here, often dream about being NBA referees.



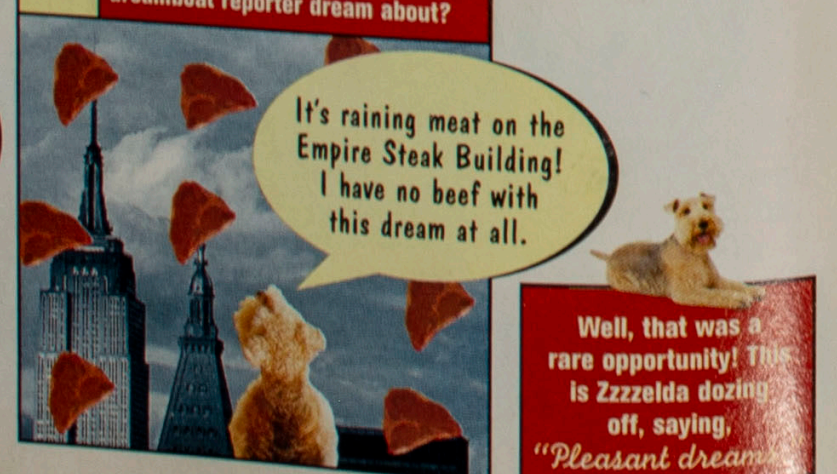
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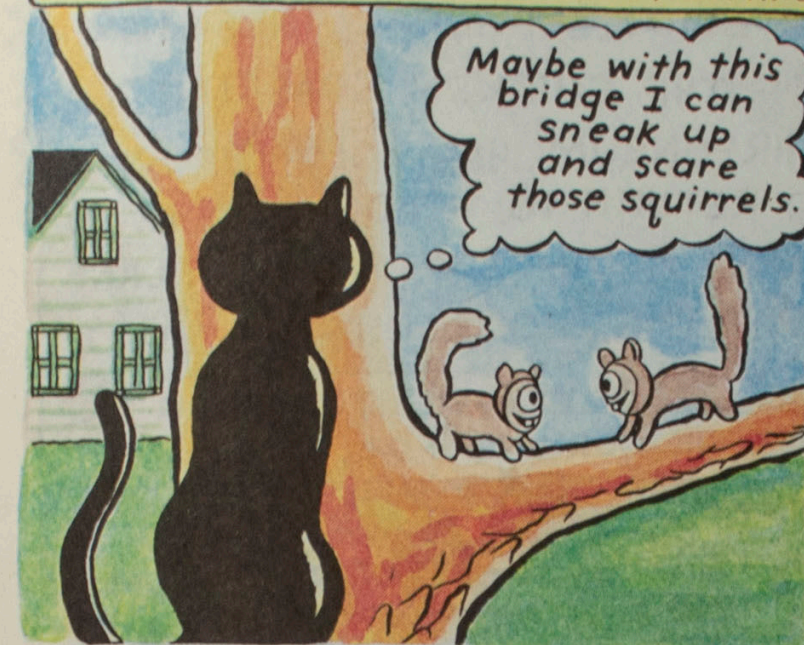


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And what does your fearless furry dreamboat reporter dream about?



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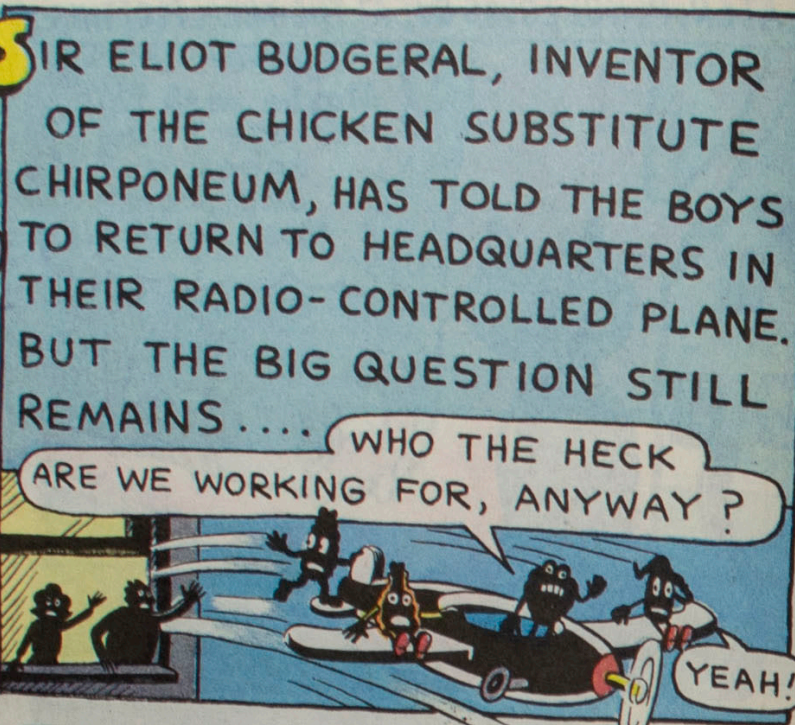
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 5 George Washington Carver, scientist, born, 1864 He was just a little peanut.	6 New Mexico becomes 47th state, 1912 Do something (Albu)quirky.	7 Jupiter's major satellites discovered by Galileo, 1610 That was many moons ago.	National Hot Tea Month begins It's in the bag. New Year's Day 8 Give yourself a nickname today.	2 Isaac Asimov, science-fiction writer, born, 1920 Comb your sideburns. 9 Muggsy Bogues, NBA player, born, 1965 Muggsy's mummy gave him a huggy.	3 Yerba Buena is renamed San Francisco, 1847 The "Yerba Buena 49ers" just doesn't sound right. 10 Rod Stewart, singer, born, 1945 Wake up, Mommy, I think I've got something to say to you.	4 General Tom Thumb, circus performer, born, 1838 There was a small party.
12 Frank Gerber, founder of Gerber Products, born, 1873 Was he the first Gerber baby?	13 It's still National Hot Tea Month Have tea for two.	14 The Simpsons makes its TV debut, 1990 It finally found a Homer.	15 Adults' Day in Japan No kid-ding.	16 Make a hair appointment for tomorrow.	17 Vidal Sassoon, hairstylist, born, 1928 Did he use baby shampoo?	18 Peter Mark Roget, originator of the thesaurus, born, 1779 He loved synonym buns.
19 Lake Erie froze over, 1977 It should have worn Erie muffs.	20 Zodiac sign Aquarius begins Water you doing today?	21 National Hugging Day Embrace this day.	22 Eight days left of National Hot Tea Month Don't get tea'd off.	23 National Pie Day We have a good filling about this day.	24 The Macintosh computer is introduced, 1984 Byte into an Apple.	25 Virginia Woolf, author, born, 1882 She was a howling good writer.
26 Michigan becomes the 26th state, 1837 Start your motors.	27 Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel" released, 1956 Find a new place to dwell.	28 Colette, writer, born, 1873 Call someone Colette.	29 Oprah Winfrey, talk-show host, born, 1954 Was she a baby-talk-show host?	30 Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 32nd U.S. President, born, 1882 Have a fireside chat.	31 Jackie Robinson, baseball player, born, 1919 Was he born at home (plate)?	

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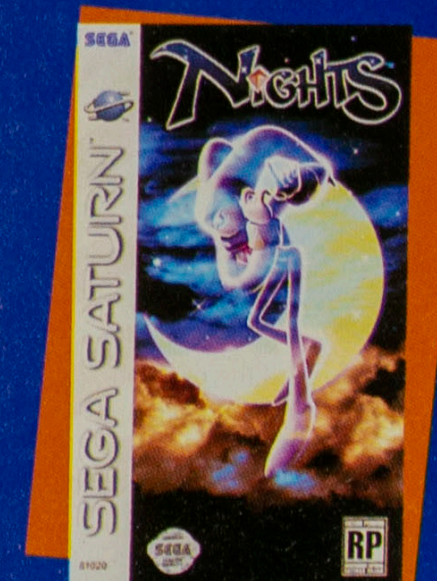
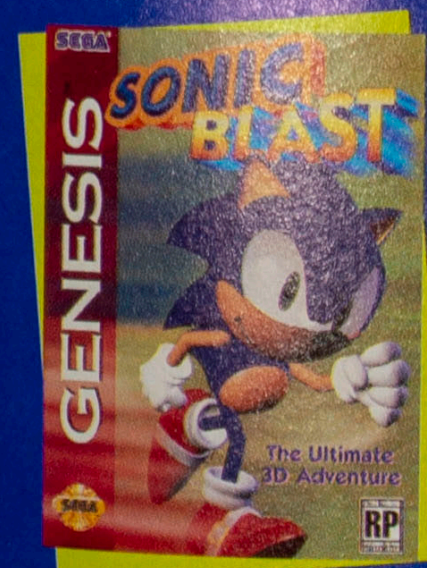
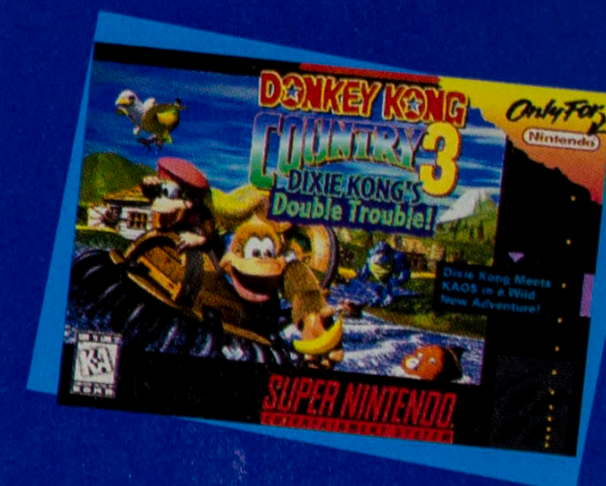


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<p>9 Rome proclaimed a republic, 1849 Rome is where the heart is.</p> 	<p>10 Canned Food Month continues Can you handle it?</p>	<p>11 Thomas Edison, inventor, born, 1847 He lit up his mom's life.</p> 	<p>12 Tutankhamen's stone coffin was opened, 1924 What do you and Tut have in common?</p> 	<p>13 Boston Latin School, first public school in the U.S., opens, 1635 Go to ye olde head of the classe.</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day We Go to ye olde head of the classe.</p> 	<p>15 Galileo Galilei, astronomer, born, 1564 How astronomical.</p> 
<p>16 Fidel Castro becomes Prime Minister of Cuba, 1959 We hope he's Havana nice time.</p>	<p>17 It's Day (your name here)</p>	<p>18 John Travolta, actor, born, 1954 Have a phenomenal day.</p> 	<p>19 Justine Bateman, actress, born, 1966 Babies Behaving Badly.</p> 	<p>20 Enzo Ferrari, auto manufacturer, born, 1898 He really went Ferrari in life.</p> 	<p>21 Nina Simone, singer, born, 1933 Play a game of Simone Says.</p>	<p>22 Spain cedes Florida to the U.S., 1819 Orange you glad it happened?</p> 
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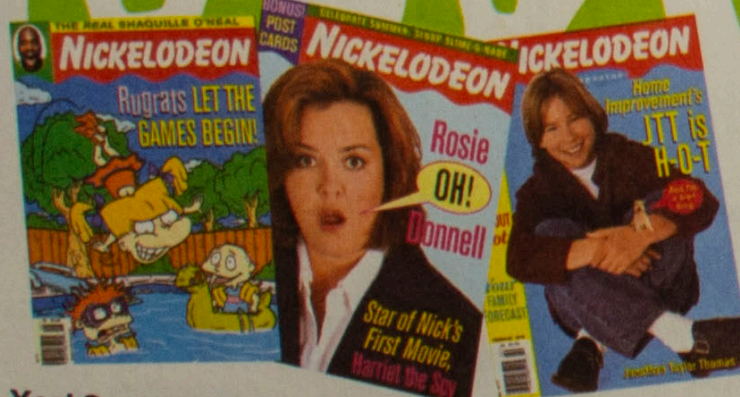
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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BULB GAME

ANDREW SANTELLA sheds some light on evening athletics.

Baseball Under the Lights

The first night baseball game was played in 1880 in Massachusetts. Teams from two Boston department stores played under new outdoor lights made by the Northern Electric Light Company. By the early 1930s, similar lighting had been installed at many minor league parks, and busy working people flocked to the parks to watch after-work games.

In 1935, the major leagues tried night baseball for the first time in Cincinnati. On May 24, the Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1.

Do you have an inning or an outing?



A Shot in the Dark

During that first baseball game in Cincinnati, probably no one realized that players might have to stay up almost *all night* just to finish a game. That's what happened when the New York Mets played the Atlanta Braves on July 4, 1985, at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. The game was tied after nine innings, and it stretched 10 *extra* innings until 3:55 AM, July 5, when the Mets finally won 16-13.

Pure Madness

In 1970, coach Charles "Lefty" Driesell was determined to have his University of Maryland basketball team finish first in the nation. So he made sure they started practicing first. Lefty and his Terrapins gathered for "The Midnight Run" at the stroke of midnight on October 15, which is the very earliest the official basketball season can start, according to NCAA rules. The mile-long jog attracted about 200 spectators to the track, and it was so dark that Lefty couldn't see that most of his players were taking a shortcut. The next year, spectators' car headlights kept the runners honest and on course.

Since 1972, the Terrapins have held a full-fledged indoor basketball practice at night. And the "Midnight Madness" tradition continues at many other colleges. Last October, 8,000 fans watched the "Madness" at the University of Kentucky, the 1996 NCAA champions.



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Watt a Job!

Fred Dickey is the lighting designer responsible for the lights at Jacobs Field in Cleveland and Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. He also helped light the White Sox's Comiskey Park in Chicago and the Orioles' Camden Yards in Baltimore. We had a light conversation with him.

Nickelodeon Magazine: How long does it take to design the lighting for a big-league stadium?

Fred Dickey: With computer programs, you can do a rough design in a day. But then there are weeks of tweaking and fine-tuning.

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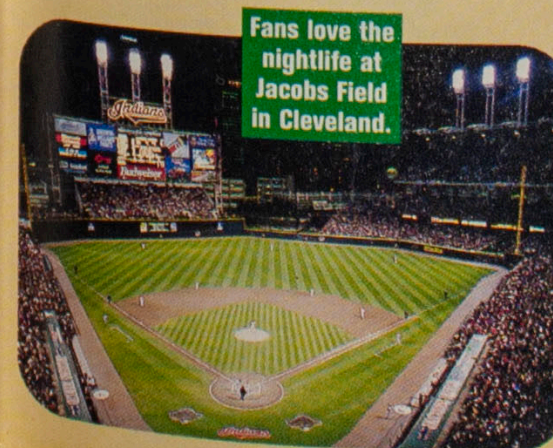
FD: Anywhere from half a million to a million dollars. And the electricity for one game can cost around \$5,000.

NM: How much would it cost to install ballpark-style lights in a backyard?

FD: Probably around \$10,000—backyards aren't very big.

NM: How many lightbulbs are in an average ballpark?

FD: There are around 650 lightbulbs that are 1,500 watts each. Typical stadium lighting produces as much light as 60,000 ordinary household lightbulbs.



Fans love the nightlife at Jacobs Field in Cleveland.

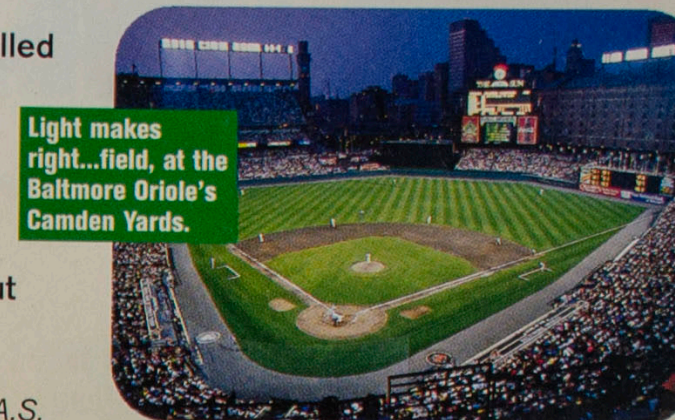
NM: When your design is installed at a stadium, do you get to flip the switches for the first time?

FD: No, an electrician gets to do that.

NM: When a lightbulb burns out at your home, who changes it?

FD: Whoever is closest.

-A.S.



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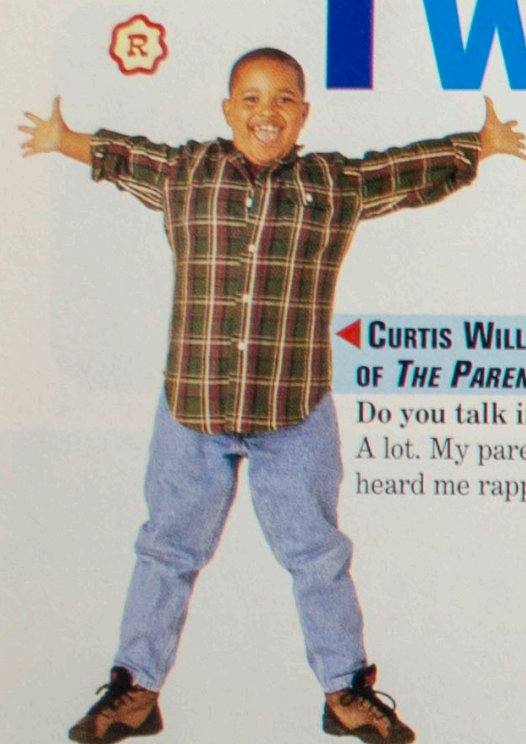
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TWINKLE, TWINKLE, TV STARS

We asked stars some pointed questions about sleep.



◀ CURTIS WILLIAMS JR. OF THE PARENT 'HOOD
Do you talk in your sleep?
A lot. My parents say they've heard me rapping.

KENAN THOMPSON OF KENAN & KEL AND ALL THAT

Do you snore?
I do snore a little bit. Lightly, though, from what people tell me.
How many pillows do you use?
I like a lot of pillows, sometimes up to four. I like hugging—that's why I need all the pillows.
Do you kick at the sheets?
I don't use sheets—I just sleep under a comforter. Even when I sleep on top of sheets I still kick at them. That's how much I hate them.

JUSTIN BERFIELD OF UNHAPPILY EVER AFTER

What do you do when you can't sleep?
I turn on some boring TV, like the news. Or I reread books.
Or if I see that my pet snake is awake, too, and slithering around his cage, I pick him up and hold him.



ANDREW LAWRENCE OF BROTHERLY LOVE
Have you ever sleepwalked?
Yes. I walked into a wall once.

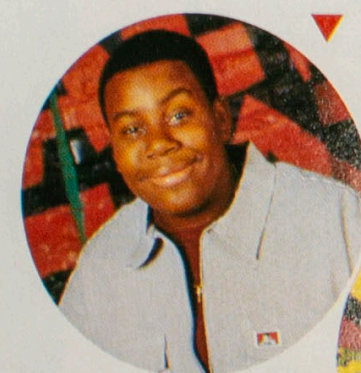


▲ ALYSSA REYES OF ALL THAT
What kind of pajamas do you wear?
I wear boxers and a big shirt. I get cold at night, so I have to stay warm.



◀ MARNE PATTERSON OF SOMETHING SO RIGHT
Do you remember your dreams?
Some dreams. The night I found out I got the part in *Something So Right*, I dreamed that I was fired on my first day of work.
What kind of slippers do you have?
Panda bear slippers.

REAGAN GOMEZ-PRESTON OF THE PARENT 'HOOD
What do you do when you can't sleep?
I turn on the radio and listen to slow jams.



KEL MITCHELL OF KENAN & KEL AND ALL THAT

Do you snore?
I think I twitch more than I snore. I twitch a lot.
What do you do when you have nightmares?
I think about something really hard. My father used to tell me that when I had bad dreams, I needed to think about what I wanted to dream about. He said he could dream about Bugs Bunny if he thought about it enough.



▲ DONALD FAISON OF CLUELESS
Do you remember your dreams?
I remember one dream I had when I was little. My friends and I were being chased by a witch, because we stole her magic wand.
What did you do with the wand?
We made ourselves run faster.



◀ JESSICA BIEL OF 7TH HEAVEN
Do you ever talk in your sleep?
Oh, yeah. I talk to my brother. But he's worse than I am. One time when he was asleep, my mother came in to tuck him in and he yelled, "Dog, get away!"



JONATHAN HERNANDEZ OF NICK FRENO: LICENSED TEACHER

Do you sleep on your side, back, or stomach?
Always on my side.
Do you ever talk in your sleep?
Yes. My mom said that one night I got up with my eyes closed and said, "Look, Mom, the plane! Look!"



◀ JOSH SERVER OF ALL THAT
What kind of pajamas do you wear?
Usually, I wear a pair of boxers or comfy pajama bottoms.



JUSTIN PIERRE EDMUND OF THE PREACHER'S WIFE
Do you sleep on your side, back, or stomach?
I sleep on my side, back, and stomach.
Do you sleep with a stuffed animal?
I sleep with Ms. Frizzle from the show *The Magic School Bus*.

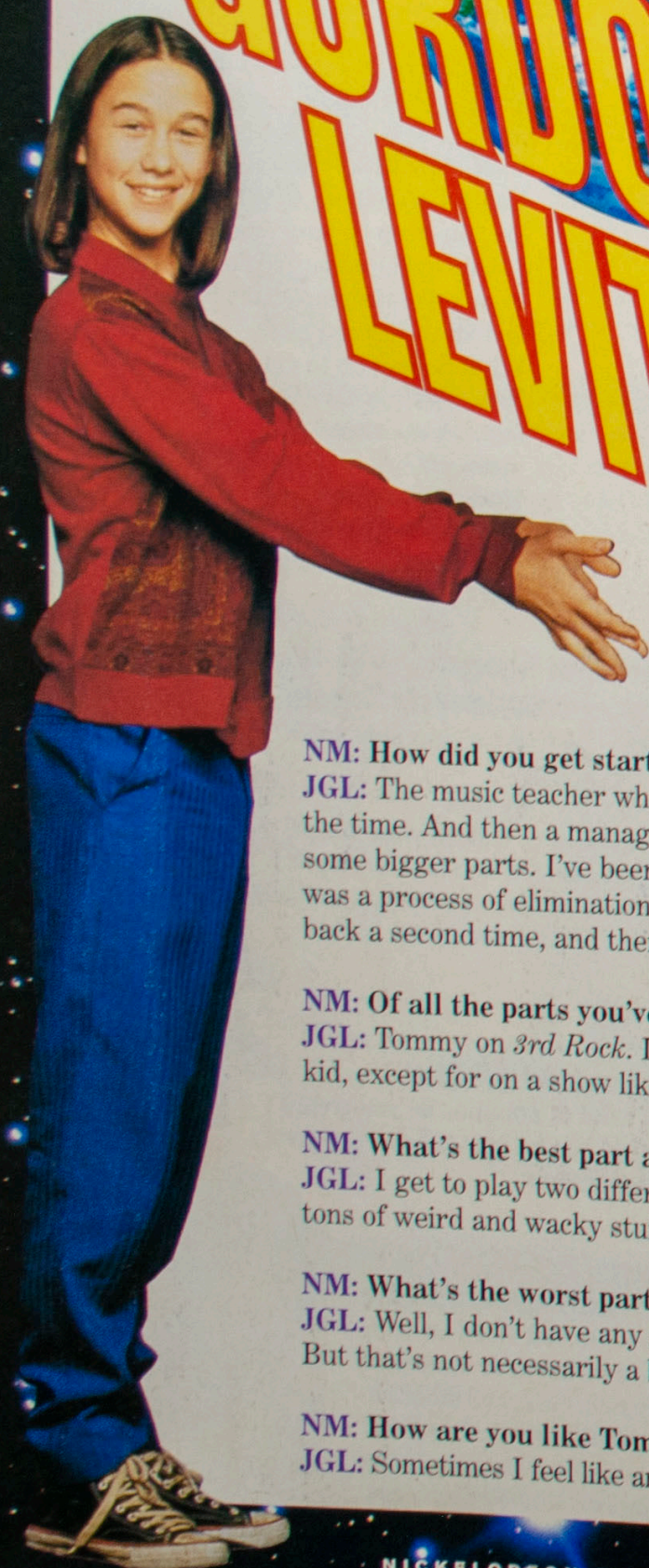


DAVID LASCHER OF CLUELESS

Do you sleep on your side, back, or stomach?
I sleep either on my side or my stomach.
I don't like sleeping on my back, because I feel like a corpse.
What do you do to get to sleep?
Well, I always have to sleep with the TV on, with the sound really low. I can't sleep in silence.
How many pillows do you use?
Three. I need a pillow over my face, probably to drown out the sound from the TV.

—interviews by Stacey Bowers and David Lewman

EARTHILING GORDON-LEVITT



Joseph Gordon-Levitt isn't an alien, but he plays one on TV. On *3rd Rock From the Sun*, he's an elderly alien stuck inside a teenager's body. David Lewman recently gave him the 3rd degree.



Nickelodeon Magazine: How long have you been acting?
Joseph Gordon-Levitt: I've been acting professionally since I was six. I started performing when I was four, in a choir.

NM: How did you get started?

JGL: The music teacher who led the choir started doing musical plays. It was purely fun at the time. And then a manager who saw me perform asked me if I wanted to audition for some bigger parts. I've been progressing slowly since then. To get my role on *3rd Rock*, it was a process of elimination. A lot of kids read for a casting director, and then I got called back a second time, and then I got the job.

NM: Of all the parts you've played, which has been your favorite?

JGL: Tommy on *3rd Rock*. I would never have the chance to play anything other than a kid, except for on a show like this.

NM: What's the best part about playing an alien?

JGL: I get to play two different roles—an old man inside a teenager's body. And I get to do tons of weird and wacky stuff. On one episode, I had baby food thrown at me.

NM: What's the worst part about playing an alien?

JGL: Well, I don't have any reference points—I can't say "An alien would do this...." But that's not necessarily a bad thing.

NM: How are you like Tommy?

JGL: Sometimes I feel like an alien because I don't spend much time around kids my own age.

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UNIFORMLY FUNNY: Joseph with John Lithgow.

NM: How are you *not* like Tommy?

JGL: Well, you know, he really *is* an alien.

NM: What's the funniest thing that's happened on the set?

JGL: A lot of very funny things happen. While working on scenes, sometimes we just burst out laughing, and then we have to sit there laughing for a little while until we can start acting out the scene again.

NM: Has anyone played pranks on the set?

JGL: For April Fools' Day last year, John Lithgow tried to convince everyone that [Great Britain's] Prince Andrew was coming to visit the set, and said everyone should wear suits. Nobody believed him, but my mom did put a suit in the car just in case.

NM: What's the most alien-like thing you do in your everyday life?

JGL: When I'm alone, I'm pretty strange, especially after a long, hard day. I'm constantly talking to myself, going in and out of a zillion different characters, singing, doing slapstick falls.

NM: Other than Earth, what's your favorite planet?

JGL: Venus, because it's hot enough to clean itself, like a self-cleaning oven.

NM: Do you have any pets?

JGL: I have a huge dog named Boomer. And we just had a guest dog on the show. But nothing on

3rd Rock is typical, so our TV dog is not cute—he is a rude, crude dog. He's the anti-television dog.

NM: What's your least favorite food?

JGL: Herring.

NM: When you can't get to sleep, do you count sheep?

JGL: I count herring.

Am I herring him right?



NM: Favorite nighttime snack?

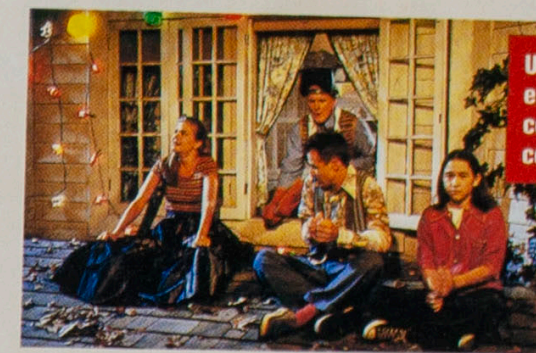
JGL: Hmm...herring. I just like the word *herring*.

NM: Do you fight with your parents or the show's producers about how long your hair is?

JGL: No. Actually, I wouldn't mind if they said chop it off. It gets in the way sometimes.

NM: Like when you're eating soup?

JGL: Yeah, exactly. Or when I'm trying to enjoy a nice herring sandwich.



UP ON THE ROOF: At the end of a day, the aliens come to Earth-shattering conclusions.

PERSONAL SPACE:

Also seen in: *A River Runs Through It*, *Angels in the Outfield*, and *Roseanne* (as D.J.'s boring friend, George)
Birthday: February 17, 1981
Favorite constellation: The Big Dipper. "It's the only one I know."
Favorite book about aliens: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*
Venusians or Martians?: Martians. "I think a Venusian would probably burn me up."
Favorite response to take-me-to-your-leader jokes: "Did you come up with that yourself?"

THE STELLAR CAST (clockwise from top): French Stewart, John Lithgow, Simbi Cahli, Elmarie Wendel, Jane Curtin, Kristen Johnston, and Joseph Gordon-Levitt.



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What a Wubbulous World

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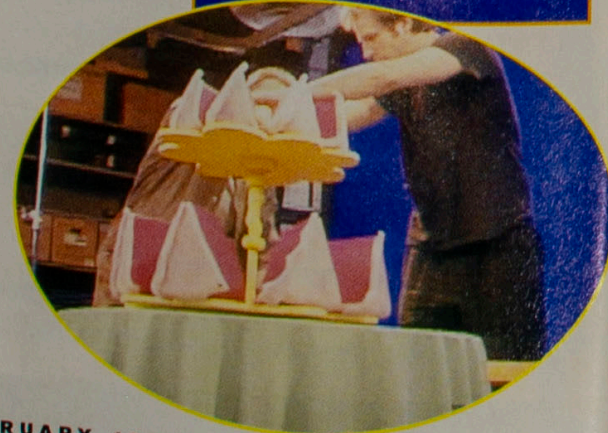
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Some of the props, like the cake below, are hand-made. Others are created on a computer.



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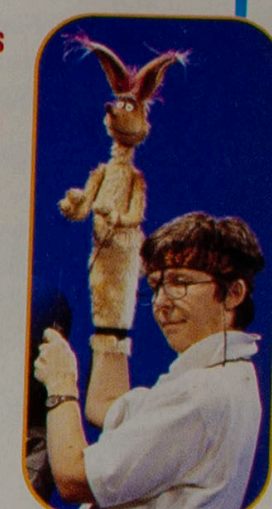
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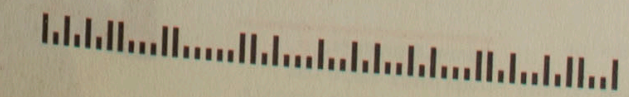
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The Computer

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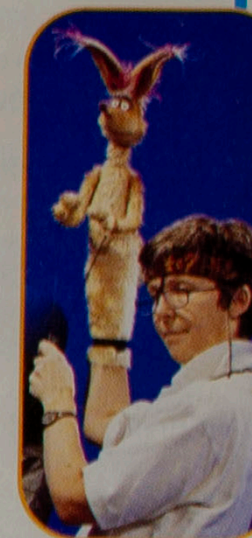
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Seven days, 20 people, and hundreds of takes later, one 30-minute episode is ready for the editing room, where the final tape is made.



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NM: Which is your favorite puppet?

KM: The characters are so new to me that I'm not sure yet. Horton is definitely easier because he's a hand puppet, which I'm used to. Junior Kangaroo is a rod puppet, so he's a challenge. [A rod puppet has sticks attached to it that control the limbs and head. See photo above.]

NM: What's the best part of your job?

KM: When all the puppeteers help each other perform a complicated scene. We usually end up giggling, having fun, and making a great scene.

The Wubbulous World of Dr. Seuss airs on Sundays, at 8 PM; one hour earlier in the central time zone. Check local listings for details.



WE WOO WOO

Irene Ng [pronounced ung] plays amateur detective Shelby Woo on *The Mystery Files of Shelby Woo*. When she's not acting, Irene is a student at Harvard, and hopes to become a doctor. We did some investigating of our own to find out more about her.

Nickelodeon Magazine: Do you like mysteries?

Irene Ng: When I was 12, my mom always watched *Murder, She Wrote*, and I got into it because of her. But now I don't have a lot of time to read or watch mysteries.

NM: You moved to the U.S. from Malaysia [an Asian country] when you were 15. Have you gone back since?

IN: Yes, several times. I enjoy being there because lots of my family and many of my friends still live in Malaysia.

NM: How are you like Shelby?

IN: We both like to analyze situations, but Shelby runs into more trouble than I do.

NM: Does Shelby snoop too much?

IN: Sometimes, but always with good intentions.

NM: What languages do you speak?

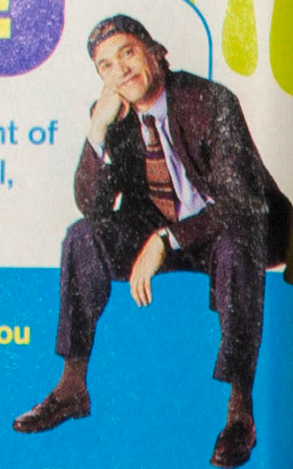
IN: Malay, English, Spanish, some Japanese, and five Chinese dialects.

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When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

When I was really little, I wanted to be a cowboy doctor; that is, a doctor who wore cowboy outfits. My mother wanted me to be a doctor, and I wanted to be a cowboy. So I figured I'd put them together.

Do you wish you could hibernate like a bear?

I love to sleep, so yes. Every night, I make sure I get a good seven or eight hours of sleep. I'm jealous of animals who hibernate. In fact, I wish I could go on a sleep vacation.

Do you snore?

Most of the time. Usually my wife gives me a gentle push to stop me.

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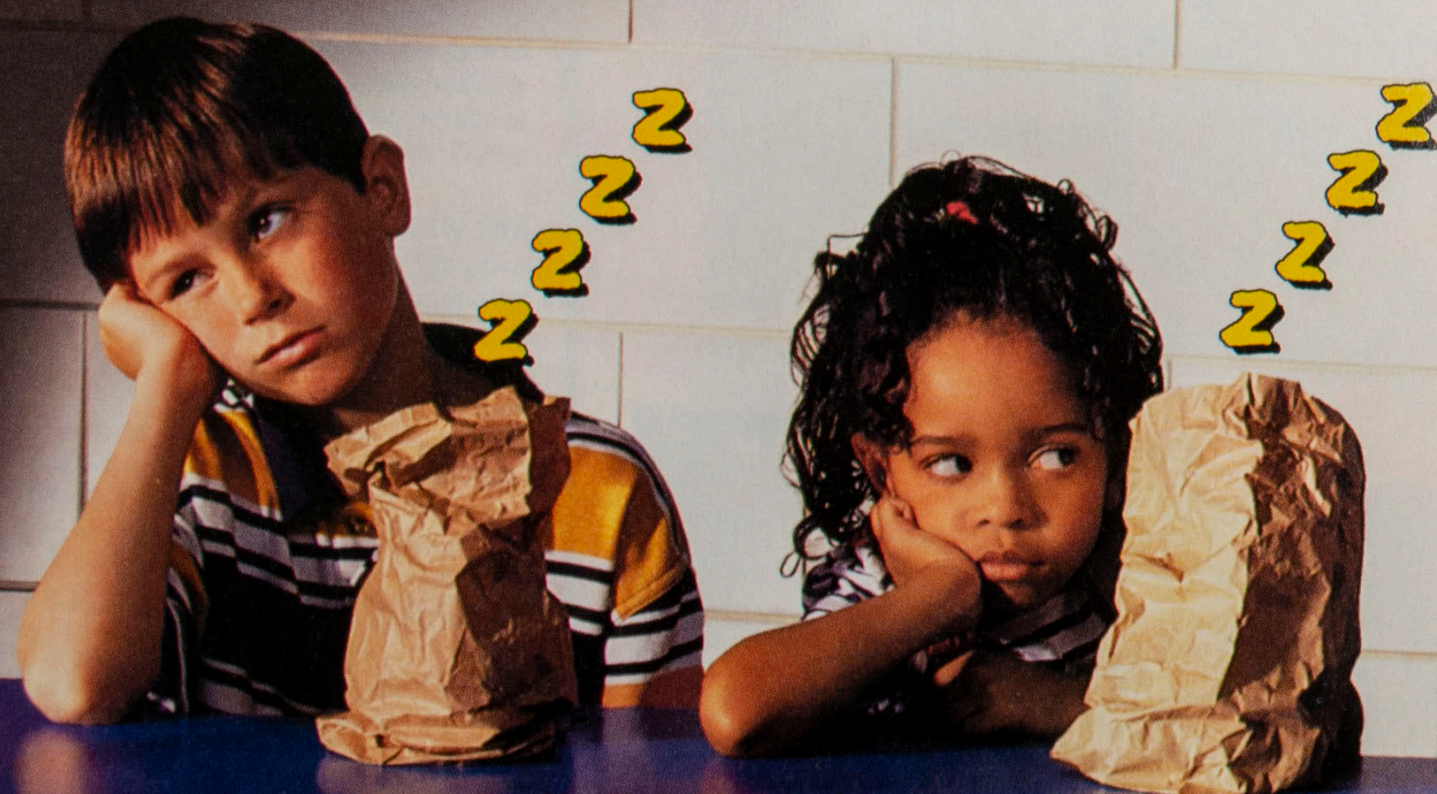


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- 5-ABC Monday Night Football
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- 7-Goodnight Moon
- 8-Sleeping Beauty
- 9-Dark Skies
- 10-Saturday Night Live

The message is: Now go to bed!

The Difference Between Night and Day (page 10)

At night, in the garage: The car turned into a pumpkin, the light is a shower nozzle, and the basket and washer and dryer are missing.

In the kitchen: The wallpaper changed, the lights are UFOs, the oven is fanning itself, the dog is reading the paper and his cushion has turned into a stool, the washer and dryer are having a candlelit dinner, and the parents and refrigerator are gone.

In the living room: The TV and vase have moved, the rug changed, the toy cars are racing, one painting changed, the other came alive, the trophy on the mantel is kicking its ball, the overhead light turned into a solar system, the easy chair is snoring, the other chair is pillow-fighting, the grandfather clock is dancing, the refrigerator is roasting marshmallows over an open fire, the cat and the boy are gone.

In the parents' bedroom: The wallpaper changed, the lamp turned into a trapeze,

the parents are jumping on the bed, grandma is doing acrobatics, the cat is jumping through a hoop, the chair is missing, and the paintings changed.

In the bathroom: The paint changed color, the painting is missing, and the toilet turned into a fountain.

In the kid's room: The wallpaper changed, the ceiling fan turned into a helicopter, the three paintings came alive, the toy box turned into a treasure chest, the TV is watching the kid, the TV's vase turned into a top hat, and the toy truck is missing.

In the attic: The dressmaker's form has turned into a conductor, the instruments are playing themselves, a little box has appeared, another box changed color, the walls have gold stars, and the cobwebs disappeared.

On the roof: The chimney turned into a wishing well, and the antenna turned into a microphone for alien singers.

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Whatever You Want

The Invent-a-Word Contest Results

In our September 1996 issue, we asked you to invent a word, define it, and use it in a sentence. Here are our contest winners and honorable mentions. Each winner received Nickelodeon Videos, a Nickelodeon T-shirt, Gak, Floam, Smud, and other prizes.

Here's a page from
Webster "Funky" Wagnall's
Comedic Dictionary
FIRST EDITION

Winners



curbo

cur-bo \KUR-boe\ *v*
[Jared R., age 8, Birmingham, Alabama]: when passengers slide to one side as a car swerves <When my mom swerved to avoid the fallen branch, everyone curboed.>

freax \FREEX\ *v* [Jennifer J., age 12, Rockwell, North Carolina]: when you try to fix something, but you end up breaking it more <I just freaxed my bike.>

glar-newt \GLAR-noot\ *n* [Wyatt B., age 9, Cornish, Maine]: a very old, uncomfortable, lumpy pillow <Bill was very tired after he stayed over at a friend's house because he slept on a glarnewt.>

Honorable Mentions

blub-ble \BLUH-bull\ *n*
[Kevin H., age 6, Palos Hills, Illinois]: a glob of exploded bubble gum around your mouth <I have a blubble.>



blubble

bro-ggy \BRAH-gee\ *adj*
[Allie F., age 8, Blythewood, South Carolina]: the way bread gets soggy between the time a sandwich is made in the morning and lunchtime <When I went to eat my jelly sandwich, I found it broggy.>

bu-smuck \BOO-smuk\ *n* [Caity C., age 13, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey]: a bug's remnants after it has been smushed <The bottom of my shoe is covered with busmuck.>

fridge-a-nu-die \frij-uh-NOO-dee\ *adj*
[Kate M., age 12, Cathedral City, California]: when you come out of the shower and you're naked and it's cold <After trying out my new shampoo, I felt sort of fridgeanudie.>



fridgeanudie

glues-a-mire \GLEWS-a-mire\ *v*
[Samantha T., age 10, Siren, Wisconsin]: when someone who admires you can't stop looking at you <Sally gluesamired Joe all through science class.>

gre-kule \GREH-kool\ *n*
[Robin W., age 12, Berwyn, Pennsylvania]: stuff that sticks to your legs or arms when you lie on the ground <I discovered many grekules on my legs when I got up from the grass.>

gur-dey \GER-dee\ *n* [Eric H., age 9, Crescent Springs, Kentucky]: a wet burger bun <Oh, no! Mrs. Hoferkamp made gurdeys again.>



gurgala

gur-ga-la \gur-GAH-lah\ *n* [Pamela S., age 9, Miami, Florida]: the longest french fry in the box <I walked into McDonald's and said, "Give me all the gurgalas you've got.">

par-ent-ci-na-tion \pat-ent-si-NAY-shun\ *n* [Sheila E., age 11, Warwick, Rhode Island]: when you think you see your parents somewhere, but you really don't <I had a bad case of parentcination at the mall.>

res-i-raid \REZ-a-raid\ *n* [Catherine M., age 12, Hartland, Michigan]: the ring of residue and dirt that is left on your skin when you take off a Band-Aid <Even after three washings and tremendous scrubbing, the resiraid from Susan's Band-Aid was still there.>



resiraid

to-loun \too-LOWN\ *1 n* [Mimi L., age 11, Greenwich, Connecticut]: a really nasty meal that you either sneak to the dog or secretly throw away <My mother made a toloun last night, but luckily Rover was hungry.> *2 v*: to sneak a nasty meal to a dog, or to secretly throw away the yucky food <I have to toloun before my mom comes back.>

Toloun that toloun to me.



Say What?

From the September 1996 issue: We asked you to fill in the speech balloons in this picture. Here are some of the most magical entries.



Man: We got a great deal on this carpet.
Woman: No wonder. The warning reads GRAVITY NOT INCLUDED.

Thomas A., age 11 1/2
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Woman: Oh no! I get carpet sick!
Man: Don't worry, I have Dramamine in my hat.

Alyson S., age 8 1/2
Fresno, California

Man: Hey, Hon, you don't happen to know where the nearest magic-carpet filling station is, do you?
Woman: Does this rug take regular or *unthreaded*?

Jenna M., age 11 1/2
Napa, California

Man: I just love our new hall rug!
Woman: Yes! And it goes great with our city-print floor tile, our cloud wallpaper, and our invisible fan!

Erica H., age 13
Roeland Park, Kansas

Man: Are you hungry?
Woman: No. I just swallowed a big bug.

Derick L., age 10
Anna, Ohio

Man: Honey, I think we took a wrong turn at the rainbow.
Woman: I told you to ask for directions, but *nooooo!*

Moshe B., age 10
Oak Park, Michigan

Thanks for all your entries. We're happy to say not too many jokes went over our heads.



